**Spurt in terrorist activities in J&K**

2851. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a sudden spurt in the terrorist activities in J & K in the recent past;

(b) the number of persons killed in the State during the month of March, 2003;

(c) whether Central Government have received any report from the J&K Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) There has been spurt in the terrorist activities in J&K in March'03 as compared to Feb.'03. The details are given as below:—

| No. of incidents of violence in J&K | |
|---|---|
| Jan.'03 | 268 |
| Feb.'03 | 166 |
| Mar.'03 | 243 |

However, the terrorist incidents in the first 3 months of 2003 have been less than the corresponding periods in 2002 and 2001 respectively.

(b) As per the fortnightly reports of the State Government of J&K, 100 civilians (including members of VDCs & SPOs) were killed in March 2003. Security force personnel killed were 19, while 93 terrorists were killed in March 2003.

(c) and (d) State Government periodically provides reports on the prevailing security scenario with Central Government. In addition Government conjointly with State Government, continue to review and to monitor security situation in J&K including through various meetings. Recently held High Level Meeting on 31.3.2003 attended among others by Governor, CM J&K and senior Officers and presided over by Deputy Prime Minister took stock of the latest ground level situation. Government has reaffirmed its commitment4o provide all feasible support to the State Government in its fight against terrorism in J&K.